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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 30, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 4, 21, and 26 that appear immediately before claim 29 in the reissue application as filed. Please amend claims 4, 21, 26, 29, 34, 37, 39, and 40 as follows, where Appendix A indicated the support in the specification for each amendment and Appendix B indicates the status of all pending claims.

4. (Once Amended) The [tie down strap] device of claim 3, wherein a hook is secured at each end of the tie down strap for securing the tie down strap to the tie down bracket through the holes on the pair of tabs.

21. (Once Amended) The [tie down strap] device of claim 20, wherein a hook is secured at each end of the tie down strap for securing the tie down strap to the tie down bracket.